

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 372
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A RESOLUTION to honor Larry Vaden, Deputy Chief of the
Clarksville Police Department, on the occasion
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those law enforcement professionals who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, always remaining true to their motto "To protect and serve"; and

WHEREAS, Chief Larry Vaden is one such estimable professional who has served the Clarksville Police Department for 31 years with ardor and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Vaden is taking a much-deserved retirement from a distinguished law enforcement career that has spanned many societal changes and more than three decades on April 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a caring and devoted friend to the citizens of Clarksville, Deputy Chief Vaden is known to be one of the most thorough law enforcement officials his community has ever known; and

WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of his father, esteemed Clarksville Police Chief Charles Vaden, 21-year-old Larry Vaden joined the Clarksville Police Force as a Patrolman in 1974 and worked his way through the ranks with much diligence and dedication; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, he entered the Police Academy and continued to serve Clarksville until joining the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, where he served from 1979-1983; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Vaden returned to the Clarksville Police Department in 1983 as Corporal and, as a result of his dedication and talent, received many promotions throughout his career, including a promotion to Sergeant (1987), Department Training Officer (1995), Captain (2001), and to his current position, Deputy Chief, in 2002; and

WHEREAS, as a valuable example of the spirit of camaraderie that permeates the Clarksville Police Department, Deputy Chief Vaden is well-respected and loved by his officers, whom he considers to be part of his family; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career with the Clarksville Police Department, Chief Larry Vaden has served with the utmost professionalism and integrity, winning the unqualified respect and admiration of the officers under his charge and the public alike; and

WHEREAS, ever willing to serve his community, he has been very involved in the Special Olympics, and he has been instrumental in organizing the Dare and the PALS of Dare programs for his area; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Deputy Chief Vaden is devoted to maintaining the highest ideals of family and community, and he is most grateful for the deep love and companionship he shares with his beautiful family; and

WHEREAS, he is blessed with the loving companionship of his wife, Laura, and is the proud father of two sons, Brett and Daniel; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Larry Vaden exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent officer of the law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Deputy Chief Larry Vaden, exceptional officer and friend to his community, for his 30 years of exemplary service with the Clarksville Police Department, thank him for his bravery and his dedication, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.